

Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Mansfield Community Center Conference Room
November 4, 2015
7:30 pm
Chair: Sue Craig
Minutes

I. Welcome

II. Attendance: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington Eric Apgar, Bill Thorne John Hankins staff: Jennifer Kaufman, Curt Vincente

III. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve passed unanimously

IV. Old Business

A. Management plan reviews

1. Merrow Meadow: update postponed until the December meeting
2. Schoolhouse Brook Park: update postponed until December meeting

B. Laguardia property-Committee reviewed map and sketch of trail plan. Connection to Mansfield Hollow State Park, handicapped access to wildlife viewing area, parking and fencing

C. Report on events

1. 1st Walktober Event (Dunhamtown Forest) canceled due to heavy rain
2. Excellent attendance at Wolf Rock/Sawmill Brook Preserve walk
3. Successful walk at Moss Sanctuary
4. Star Party well attended

B. Upcoming Events

1. Winter tracking walk (Sunday, January 24)

V. New Business:

A. Bicycles on Town Land

John Hankins suggested changes in regulations to allow bicycles on all the trails in Mansfield parks except those posted "No Bikes". Curt Vincente explained the history of the regulations John Hankins will bring a list of potential trails to open to bicycle traffic at December meeting.

John Hankins asked about creating an extension of the Nipmuck trail to connect to the Boy Scout trail at Wolf Rock.

C. A field trip to plan access to Whetten Woods Extension was set for 4 PM November 12. Meet at Nash Zimmer transportation center **D.** General consent of the committee to have Jessie Clark memorial bench set at Merrow Meadow. Location to be determined

E. 2016 meetings moved to conference room B in Town Hall

VI. Future Agendas

Next Meeting December 4 at 7:30 PM will discuss bicycling in Town Parks

VII. Announcements

A. New map of the parks will be updated and posted.

VIII. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned 8:47